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BAKER COLLEGE OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP

# BAKER BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back students! We are excited that you have chosen Baker College to pursue your career training this fall. We have a new Dental Hygiene building and have admitted a full class of 36 students. Stay tuned as we will be opening a clinic in early 2016 and will be offering low cost dental care for the community. We also renovated an area to add some space and real life classroom activities for the Human Services and Criminal Justice programs. Both programs have great job opportunities. The Academic Resource Center is ready and willing to help you with all of your tutoring, printing, research and library services. Stop by and see all that the ARC team has to offer. Again, thank you for selecting Baker College and have a great Fall quarter!!



Dr. Patricia Kaufman,  
Campus President

## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 28 - First day of classes
- October 5-6 - Work Experience Orientation
- October 12 - Calculator Workshop
- October 20 - Calculator Workshop
- October 21 - Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Awareness Seminar

## Gina Martinez, Winner of the 2015 Ed Kurtz Scholarship

The \$2,500 Ed Kurtz Scholarship is awarded to a Baker College student who demonstrates academic achievement and either a commitment to community service or a successful balance of work, family, and school obligations.

Gina is a student in the Accelerated Bachelor's program studying business, and is interested in how it relates to community outreach and fundraising. Gina is an excellent student who has been on the Dean's list numerous times. She will be graduating in June of 2016, a week before she gets married.



Gina Martinez

Gina Martinez works 45-50 hours a week as a real estate law sales team leader. She is the chair of the Good Deeds Committee, as well as handling the fundraising and events every month.

When Gina isn't at school or work, she is working on a fundraiser for ALS of Michigan that she has been doing with her sister for the past nine years (Kathy's Kids Dinner Dance for ALS of Michigan). They have raised over \$70,000 for ALS of Michigan through this event. This cause is dear to Gina and her family as her mother, aunt, and great grandmother all suffered from this disease.

Gina's determination and drive have taught her that she can build something out of nothing and the advice she has for her fellow students is, "If you want to do something—then just do."

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## Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Awareness Seminar

Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00pm

In the Community Room

All Faculty & Students are Welcome!

Presented By CARE of SEM



# DEPARTMENT HOURS

**Academic Office**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

(586) 790-9587

*\*Week 1 extended hours:*

Monday Sept 28 9am - 7pm

Tuesday Sept 29 through Thursday

Oct 1 8am - 6:30pm

**Academic Resource Center  
(ARC)**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 9:30pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am — 1:00pm

(586) 790-9584

**Advising Office**

**(located in the ARC)**

Monday 8:00am — 8:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday

8:00am — 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am — 1:00pm

(586) 790-9764

*\*Week 1 extended hours:*

Tuesday Sept 29 through Thursday

Oct 1 8am - 6:30pm

**B&N College Bookstore**

Monday-Thursday

8:30am — 6:00pm

Friday 8:30am — 5:00pm

(586) 790-9593

*\*Fall Quarter extended hours:*

Thursday Sept 24 8:30am - 7pm

Friday Sept 25 8:30am - 5pm

Saturday Sept 26 8am - 1pm

Monday Sept 28 8am - 8pm

Tuesday Sept 29 8am - 7pm

Saturday Oct 3 8am - 1pm

**Career Services**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

(586) 790-9165

**Baker Café**

Monday-Thursday

11:00am — 8:00pm

**Campus Safety**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 10:00pm

Friday 8:00am — 5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am — 1:00pm

(586) 790-9409

**Faculty Workroom**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 10:00pm

Friday 8:00am — 5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am — 1:00pm

(586) 790-9430

**Financial Services Office**

Monday-Thursday

8:00am — 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

(586) 790-2810

*\*Fall Quarter extended hours:*

Saturday Sept 26 8am - 1pm

Monday Sept 28 8am - 8pm

Saturday Oct 3 8am - 1pm

**Health Sciences Office**

Monday-Thursday

9:00am — 6:00pm

Friday 9:00am — 5:00pm

(586) 790-2837

*\*Week 1 extended hours:*

Monday Sept 28 9:00am-7:00pm



**Nursing Mothers**

Private areas to accommodate nursing mothers are available at the Main Campus, Technology Center, and The Center for Dental Hygiene Education.

Please contact the ARC front desk at 586-790-9697.

**BEVERAGE POLICY**

Baker permits closed and capped beverage containers, such as coffee, pop, or water, in classrooms. In computer classrooms, please keep your drinks on the floor. Alcohol is still prohibited on campus.



**NO SMOKING**

Baker College of Clinton Township endeavors to provide a safe, secure, and healthy environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. To that end, the College has determined that maintaining a smoke free/tobacco free campus will further support these goals.

Recognizing that many people struggle with smoking addictions, the College will allow persons to remain in closed vehicles to smoke *as long as there is no negative impact on the cleanliness of parking lots and surrounding areas*. At such time as the College determines that there is a negative impact to the parking lot and surrounding areas, the College may then decide to go completely smoke free within campus boundaries.

The Baker Bulletin is published by the Academic Resource Center six times per academic year - weeks 1 and 5 of Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters.

To access the Baker Bulletin online go to [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu). Select "Clinton Township." Choose "Student Services" Then "Campus Life" Select "Campus Newsletter."

# CAREER SERVICES / BOOKSTORE / CLUBS

**Career Services Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Work Experience Orientation (Mandatory):

October 5, 2015 9:00am: Business/Technical Programs  
 October 5, 2015 5:00pm: Medical Programs  
 October 6, 2015 9:00am: Medical Programs  
 October 6, 2015 5:00pm: Business/Technical Programs

-Eligible students for Winter Quarter should receive an invite  
 -If you are planning to complete the WRK EXP course during the Winter 2016 Quarter and you have not received an invite, contact your Program Director and/or Career Services

### Work Experience Resume Review

**Only for students attending the Work Experience Orientation**

October 5, 2015 8:30am - 9:00am and 4:30pm - 5:00pm  
 October 6, 2015 8:30am - 9:00am and 4:30pm - 5:00pm

All sessions will be held in the Main Campus Student Center

**Looking for employment?** Check out HQ Connect for employment opportunities by following the simple steps below:

- Sign into SOLAR
  - Click on Career Services (located under STAR)
  - Click on HQ Connect Sign-On
- For assistance, please call Career Services at (586)790-9165

### Clothes Closet

Need a professional outfit to wear to the interview? Is professional attire currently out of your budget? We have a variety of clothes for men and women. *Come visit the Clothes Closet!*  
 Contact Career Services for assistance at (586)790-9165.

## BOOKSTORE

Please visit our website at [Baker.BNCollege.com](http://Baker.BNCollege.com) to order or check your books via the web. We offer in-store pick up or delivery!

**Fall Quarter Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am – 6:00pm Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

**See page 2 for Fall Quarter extended hours**

### Fall Specials:

September 21 - 25, 2015  
**All short sleeve Tee's will be 25% off**  
 September 28 - October 2, 2015  
**All Champion apparel will be BOGO 50% off**



### HIT Club News

Exciting things are happening in the HIT Club and within the HIT program! Check out our bulletin board across from A205 for membership applications and newsletters.

The HIT Club officers for the 2015-2016 academic year are:  
 Co-Presidents: Sharon Gramer & Patricia Novak  
 Secretary: Cynthia Kinsman  
 Membership Chairman: Renee Coplen  
 Membership Committee: Marie Westfall  
 Historian: Jessica Spencer  
 Treasurer: Amy Robbins, MHSA, RHIA

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Bottle and can drive box in the student center, proceeds assist the HIT certification exam fee for students.

**Our next club meeting is October 15, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Center. To join the club, please contact Amy Robbins at 586-790-2818 or [amy.robbs@baker.edu](mailto:amy.robbs@baker.edu).**

### VET TECH CLUB

This quarter, the Vet Tech club will meet the Tuesdays of weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 at 8:30 a.m. Meetings take place in B105. The purpose of the Vet Tech club is to raise funds and perform community service to benefit animals in need. All animal lovers are invited to join us. The Vet Tech club's current fund raising efforts and service projects will benefit Macomb Animal Control and other animal related charities. We will be having our annual pet calendar contest in the Fall quarter. Watch for more information on the announcement television throughout campus.

### Open Scrub Club Meeting!

Hello students! Ever considered a fun and exciting career in Surgical Technology? Baker College of Clinton Township's 'Scrub Club' will be hosting an open club meeting during open lab on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon to give interested students a 'hands-on' experience. Handle real OR instrumentation and equipment and get all your questions answered about this awesome profession. We are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main campus building in room A207.



### Social Studies Club

Please join the Social Studies Club at Historic Fort Wayne  
 October 10th 2015  
 1:00pm - 3:30pm  
 Tour is free, Parking \$5 per vehicle in secure lot  
 Historic Fort Wayne Address:  
 6325 Jefferson  
 Detroit, MI 48209  
 For more information email Professor Anderson [sander25@baker.edu](mailto:sander25@baker.edu)

# FINANCIAL SERVICES



## REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Tuition is due Friday, September 25, 2015 or payable in 4 equal payments. Please see the Financial Services Office for details.

You may pay your tuition in the Financial Services Office during the following hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the financial services office during regular business hours or paid online at [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu).

### TUITION REFUND POLICY

The tuition refund policy is based upon the official notice date and enrollment period. NOTE: ABSENTEEISM OR FAILURE TO BEGIN A CLASS DOES NOT REDUCE A STUDENT'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.

#### Official Notice Date

The official notice date is the date the drop/withdrawal form is turned into the Academic Office, the postmarked date of the letter sent to the Academic Office, the date the fax was sent, the date the e-mail was sent, or the date of notice of withdrawal by the College. Refunds will be based on the date of official notice of withdrawal.

#### Percentage:

100% Drop – If official notice date is before the first day of the enrollment period (not class start date).

100% Withdrawal – If official notice date is within the first seven days of the enrollment period (not class start date).

50% Withdrawal – If official notice date is after the first seven days of the enrollment period and before the Fifteenth day of the enrollment period.

NO REFUND – If official notice date is after the fourteenth day of the enrollment period.

#### Enrollment Period:

Enrollment period is determined by the registered class.

On-ground classes: enrollment period begins on the Monday of the week that class begins.

On-line classes: enrollment period begins on the Thursday of the week that class begins.

### Loan Refund Policy

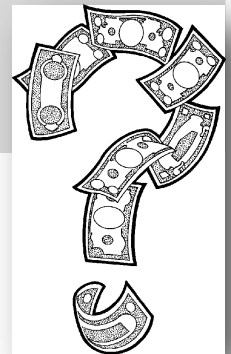
For Fall loans that have been posted to student accounts, loan refunds will be available after Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Availability depends on your Baker OneCard refund preference. Baker College has partnered with Higher One to provide disbursement services for all financial refunds. Students have three choices as to how they want to receive financial refunds.

Due to federal regulations, loan refunds for NEW students will not be available until after Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

#### In order to receive a loan refund:

- ◆ You must have completed the loan application through the Financial Services Office
- ◆ You must be attending your classes
- ◆ Your loan must be posted to your account and have created a credit on your student account
- ◆ You must have activated your Baker OneCard AND selected a refund preference

A 2nd 5 week or online class may delay your refund. If you have any questions regarding the loan refund policy, please contact the Financial Services Office.





# FINANCIAL SERVICES



**Have you applied for Financial Aid?  
Students must apply for Financial  
Aid every year! Apply at  
[WWW.FAFSA.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.GOV)**

## WITHDRAWING FROM CLASS AND HAVE FINANCIAL AID?

Federal and state regulations determine your eligibility for financial aid based upon your registered credit hours. If you are a recipient of state or federal financial aid, withdrawing from a class could affect the amount of financial aid to which you are entitled. Please see the Financial Services Office before you officially withdraw from any of your classes to determine the financial impact of the withdrawal.

## REMINDER: FALL 2015 DEFERRED TUITION STUDENTS

All students planning to use the Deferred Tuition plan for Fall 2015 should see the Financial Services Office to make sure the following is on file:

- ◆ Signed deferred agreement for FALL 2015.
- ◆ Current tuition reimbursement policy from your employer.

## FAFSA ID:

Just a reminder that if you are applying for Financial Aid for 15-16, a FAFSA User ID and Password must be created. The PIN numbers are no longer valid. If you are a dependent student, your parent must also create a User ID and Password.

If you already applied for 2015-2016, please log on to Solar/Star to view your information and respond to any important messages.

To avoid delays at the bookstore always review your Financial Aid account.

- ◆ Is my Financial Aid complete?
- ◆ Do I need to submit additional information?
- ◆ Do I have enough funds to cover tuition and books for fall/winter/spring?
- ◆ Do I need to request a student loan?
- ◆ Do I need to complete a Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling?

You may access your account at [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu) anytime.

## SAP Measurements

In order for students to receive federal, state, or institutional aid, regulations require that students maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their current academic program. All students will have their progress reviewed, whether or not they are receiving financial aid, since these rules decide eligibility for future quarters. There are three academic standards that all students are required to maintain in order to remain eligible for future financial aid assistance. The standards required to maintain eligibility for financial aid are: Grade Point Average (GPA), Pace, and Maximum Timeframe. In addition, students must be accepted for continued enrollment under the policies defined in the Baker College catalog.

## To Activate Your Baker OneCard:

Visit [www.BakerOneCard.com](http://www.BakerOneCard.com) Choose how you would like to receive any money owed to you by Baker College.

- ◆ Easy Refund to OneAccount = Same day
- ◆ ACH transfer = 2-3 days
- ◆ Paper Check = 5 or more days

The card **MUST BE ACTIVATED** to receive any refunds from your student account. Examples include: financial aid refunds, tuition refunds, or bookstore refunds.

Activate your Baker OneCard now, even if you are not expecting a refund. If you have not received your Baker OneCard, visit [www.BakerOneCard.com](http://www.BakerOneCard.com) & click on "Where's My Card?". Follow the instructions.



# ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

**The Academic Advising Office is now located in the ARC!**

**Advising Fall Quarter Hours:**  
**Monday 8:00am-8:00pm**  
**Tuesday-Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm**  
**Friday 9:00am- 5:00pm**  
**Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm**  
**Phone: 586-790-9764**

**Disability Service Coordinator**  
**Fall Quarter Hours:**  
**Monday 9:00am-1:00pm**  
**Tuesday 12:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm**  
**(hours may vary)**  
**Phone: 586-790-9764 Email: drossi02@baker.edu**



**ARC Fall Quarter Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:30pm,**  
**Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm**  
**Phone: 586-790-9697 Email: arc-ct@baker.edu**



## TESTING SERVICES

**All testing is by appointment** and must be made 24-48 hours prior to testing to ensure instructors have ample time to submit tests. There are no make-ups for Final Exams; Final Exams are proctored for accommodated students only.

**MAKE-UP TESTING DAYS/TIMES**

**Wednesday at 2:30pm or 5:00pm**  
**Saturday at 9:00am**  
**Available Weeks 2-9**

Check in process begins 15 minutes before testing time, the testing room door closes 2 minutes before testing time and late testers will not be permitted entry. Late testers may have the opportunity to test at the next available test time that day if appointments are not all booked.

**ACCOMMODATED TESTING:**

**Weeks 1-10:** Based on Proctor availability.

**WAIVER TESTING DAYS/TIMES:**

**Weeks 2-10:** By appointment

## INSTRUCTIONAL LABS

Available to all Baker College students. Walk in any time a lab is in session!

**Essential Math Concepts & Pre-Algebra Lab**

Monday Week 1 through Thursday Week 10

Monday - Wednesday 11:00am - 2:00pm  
 Thursday 11:00am-3:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

**Science Lab**

Days & times to be determined, check at the ARC front desk

**Upper Level Math Lab**

Monday Week 1 through Thursday Week 10

Monday 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:30pm-6:30pm  
 Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
 Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm  
 Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:30pm-6:30pm  
 Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

# ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

## Research Assistance

**Walk-in, phone, or email** - Any time the ARC is open.

**Research tutoring** - Work one-on-one with a librarian. You can call, email, or visit in person to make an appointment.

## Online Help

askus.baker.edu  
Text: 810-771-8959



## Library Resources Online

[www.baker.edu/library](http://www.baker.edu/library)

- **Find Books and eBooks**  
*Look up books in the Library Catalog*
- **Find Articles & Databases**  
*Periodical articles and more (may require your 14-digit Baker library card number)*
- **Research Guides**  
*Links to resources for research assignments*
- **APA Help**  
*Template for typing an APA format paper; examples of references and in-text citations*



## Holds and Interlibrary Loan

Place holds in the Library Catalog to request books owned by our campus or other Baker campuses. Request books owned by other Michigan libraries through MeLCat (<http://mel.org>).

(586) 790-9584  
[library-ct@baker.edu](mailto:library-ct@baker.edu)  
[guides.baker.edu/ctarc](http://guides.baker.edu/ctarc)



## ARC CALCULATOR WORKSHOPS:

Monday October 12th from  
11am-12:30pm

&

Tuesday October 20th from  
3pm-4:30pm

Students and instructors are welcome to attend!

Please check in at the front desk each time you use the ARC - Thanks! Other policies are posted at the entrances.



## Printer Malfunction Policy

Baker will issue printer credit for hardware malfunctions (not user errors) involving ten or more pages; bring the defective pages to the ARC front desk right away if a problem occurs.

### Common user errors to avoid:

- \* Forgetting to use **Print Preview**
- \* Document formatting errors (double-sided, paper size not 8.5" x 11", color vs. black & white, font)
- \* Wrong number of copies selected
- \* Printing directly from a website

## Student Printing

Up to \$50 in printing and copying per quarter are provided at no charge to you! Additional printing and copying will require students to add money to their Baker ID cards. For information on reducing your printing and alternatives to printing, ask any ARC staff member.

# HEALTH SCIENCES

## Health Sciences Limited Enrollment 2015-2016 Application Process

Listed below are the 2015-2016 schedules for obtaining application packages for the Limited Enrollment Programs at Baker College of Clinton Township. If you meet the program requirements you may pick up application packages in the Health Sciences Office, Room A105, on or after the pickup date indicated below. A photo ID will be required to obtain and submit an application package. Completed applications are to be hand delivered to the Health Sciences Office by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. If you have additional questions, you may contact the Program Directors identified below.

| Program/Directors   | Application Pickup Date   | Application Deadline Date                     | Admission Test Registration   | Program Start Date                               |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Dental Hygiene</b><br><br>Dr. David Smith, Director<br>david.smith@baker.edu         | <b>Weeks 1-5 of Spring Term</b><br><br>Spring 2016: April 4, 2016   | May 6, 2016                                   | Not applicable.   | Sept. 26, 2016                                   |
| <b>Nursing</b><br><br>Dr. Maryam Jannesari, Director<br>maryam.jannesari@baker.edu      | <b>Weeks 1-5 of Spring &amp; Fall Terms</b><br><br>Fall 2015: Sept. 28, 2015<br>Spring 2016: April 4, 2016<br>Fall 2016: Sept. 26, 2016 | Oct. 30, 2015<br>May 6, 2016<br>Oct. 28, 2016 | <b>KAPLAN Admission Test</b><br><br>You may register for the admission test within the Health Sciences Office, Room A105, on or after the pickup date listed and prior to the deadline. | April 4, 2016<br>Sept. 26, 2016<br>April 3, 2017 |
| <b>Radiologic Technology</b><br><br>Jufauri Ely, Director<br>jufauri.ely@baker.edu      | <b>Weeks 1-5 of Spring Term</b><br><br>Spring 2016: April 4, 2016   | May 6, 2016                                   | <b>HESI Exam</b><br><br>You may register for the admission test within the Faculty Workroom, Room F101, from April 13 through May 8, 2015.  | Sept. 26, 2016                                   |
| <b>Surgical Technology</b><br><br>Mary Jo Nowicki, Director<br>maryjo.nowicki@baker.edu | <b>Weeks 1-5 of Spring Term</b><br><br>Spring 2016: April 4, 2016   | May 6, 2016                                   | Not applicable.   | June 27, 2016                                    |
| <b>Veterinary Technology</b><br><br>Marianne Tear, Director<br>marianne.tear@baker.edu  | <b>Weeks 1-5 of Spring Term</b><br><br>Spring 2016: April 4, 2016   | May 6, 2016                                   | Not applicable.   | June 27, 2016                                    |





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SUMMER 2015

GRADUATION EDITION

## GRADUATION SPEECH BY STUDENT TIERA ROBINSON



Tiera Robinson received her Bachelor of Human Services degree

Good morning President Torline, deans, faculty, distinguished guests, family, friends, and fellow graduates.

Behavioral scientist and best-selling author, Dr. Steve Maraboli encourages us to “Let today be the day we stop being haunted by the ghost of yesterday. Holding on [to] grudges, harboring anger and resentment are poisonous to the soul.” He continues, “Get even with people, but not those who hurt us, forget them, instead, get even with those who have helped us.”

I chose to matriculate into Baker College of Clinton Township because I knew what I wanted. I wanted a great higher education experience. I wanted to be treated like a human being. I wanted to be taught by men and women who experienced what they were teaching. I wanted a challenge and a chance to expand my brain. I wanted a rigorous curriculum with instructors who cared and understood what “life happens” really means.

I would like to thank all of the instructors for accommodating us--mothers, fathers, graveyard-shift workers, homeless, unemployed students, to the best of your power without doing so unethically. **FOR THAT I THANK YOU!**

Furthermore, I knew I needed extra help until I better understood what college life was really about. I knew what I was looking for. Baker College was where I received the tools I needed to succeed in the real work world. I knew I needed

genuine greetings, as I tackled a seemingly far-fetched goal. I received such genuineness. **FOR THAT I THANK YOU!**

For four active years--I, just as many of you, have overcome hurdles--heartache, job loss, crisis, childcare issues, transportation issues, and even deaths. For me, not just a familial death, but unfortunately the death of my mother--my support system and my friend. Four years of such agony, and stumbling blocks did not stop me! Those hardships only built my endurance, immunity, and strength. All odds were against me, a welfare recipient--after losing my job due to my son’s medical emergency. I overcame such hardships.

Baker College appeared to me as hope; hope in my stereotypical, statistical situation--a single black teenage mother of three kids. **By the way, did you know you were sitting next to me--whom society deemed a statistic?**

I knew attending Baker would increase my confidence, self-esteem and drive, diminishing fears that held me captive. Attending Baker turned a young introverted adult into a more caring extrovert. I blossomed in its classrooms. I have watched many of you blossom as well. Most of us shed tears, for both disappointments and accomplishments. We were faced with many challenges. It was then we realized how capable we really were—

“Baker College was where I received the tools I needed to succeed in the real work world.”

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## Congratulations Class of 2015



The graduates of Baker College of Clinton Township Class of 2015 gathered together for wonderful commencement ceremony on June 13th. Guests of the graduates, along with faculty and staff of the college, celebrated the achievements of these outstanding students. The proud graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from Campus President Don Torline and members of the Board of Regents. There were 735 degrees awarded, which included masters, bachelors, associates, and certificates.

The Baker community salutes the graduates, as well as their family and friends who supported them in their accomplishments. It is an honor to have worked with you in reaching your educational goals. We look forward to hearing

from you about your successes as you progress in your career. We will be here to help in the future, be it for employment assistance or to further advance your education.

*Best wishes to the class of 2015! May your future dreams come true!*

### Commencement Program

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Processional                       | "Processional March", A. Gulamant                     |
| O Canada! and Star Spangled Banner | Alyssa Ferri accompanied by Ken Kepler                |
| Invocation                         | Rev. Lawrence Healy                                   |
| Welcome and Remarks                | Donald Torline, Campus President                      |
| Recommendation of Faculty          | Dr. Laura Treanor, Vice President of Academics        |
| Presentation of the Class of 2015  | Donald Torline, Campus President                      |
| Commencement Student Speaker       | Tiera Robinson, Bachelor of Human Services            |
| Presentation of Academic Awards    | Department Deans and Board of Regents                 |
| Presentation of Diplomas           | Donald Torline, Campus President and Board of Regents |
| Benedictions                       | Rev. Lawrence Healy                                   |
| Recessional                        | "Pomp and Circumstance", Edward Elgar                 |

*Henry Lowe, Interpreter for Hearing Impaired*

*(Tiera Robinson, continued from page 9)*

surprising ourselves during the most stressful times of each quarter--mid-terms and finals. We did it-- we passed those tests as well as many life tests that were presented as heightened pop quizzes.

### SEE HOW CAPABLE WE ARE?

“If we can make it there we can make it anywhere”, reaffirm Jay-Z and Alicia Keys in the song, “Empire State of Mind.” We have done that—overcome personal barriers, student-centered barriers, and stumbling blocks of all kinds—preparing us to march toward a brighter future.

This is why I chose Baker, because I trusted that they would equip me with tools to accomplish my goals and become a better role model for my three kids. Thank you for such equipment: **confidence** to move forward; **knowledge** to challenge tough topics; **experience** to better deal with my cohorts; **endurance** to sustain in the real world and **self-esteem** to stand before you today.

I walked into Baker College as a disorganized, confused young adult student. Today, however, I am leaving through the same doors confident, full of life, energetic, capable and with my head held high.

Fellow graduates, keep focused, keep pressing your way forward--life is too short to entertain stumbling blocks. Do not let your current situation be your final position. There is much more to accomplish in your life, in your community and in this world. As long as you have life, breathe life into someone else--utilize whatever skills you can until you literally cannot press your way through anymore. Apply your talents and gifts wisely, for they are not to be hidden. As Steve Maraboli told us, let's get even with the great people, who did well to us and spoke well of us. Revenge has never sounded so melodic.

### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! THANK YOU!



## SPECIAL AWARDS



### **Business / Technology**

Salvatore Biondo

*Bachelor of Business Administration  
Accounting*

Allante Simmons

*Associate of Applied Science  
Automotive Services Technology*

### **Education**

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*Bachelor of Science in Education  
Elementary Teacher Preparation -  
Language Arts*

Jeremy Sutphin

*Bachelor of Science in Education  
Elementary Teacher Preparation -  
Social Studies*

### **Health Sciences**

Catherine Bingle

*Associate of Applied Science  
Medical Assistant*

Nichole Kardas

*Bachelor of Health Science  
Health Services Administration*

### **Human Services**

Jakina Bailey

*Associate of Applied Science  
Early Childhood Education*

Terrance Downey Jr.

*Bachelor of Human Services  
Human Services*

### **Outstanding Students**

Malcolm Gibson

*Bachelor of Human Services  
Human Services*

Cedomir Stefanovich

*Bachelor of Information Technology and  
Security  
Information Assurance*

### **Lynnette M. Zaner Design Technology Award**

Mark Lawson II

*Bachelor of Interior Design  
Interior Design*

"You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently, for it is an old piece of clay, with millions of thumbprints on it."

John Updike